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1. POSSIBLE US NAVY SHIP VISIT. WE BELIEVE THERE IS A
CHANCE THAT GOB WOULD APPROVE A US NAVY VISIT TO VARNA
FOR THIS SUMMER, AND THAT WE SHOULD PURSUE THE POSSIBILITY.
OBVIOUSLY THE CHANCES WOULD BE GREATER IF HSSHIP WERE
CALLING AT A SOVIET BLACK SEA PORT DURING THE SAME CRUISE.
MESSAGE FROM DIA TO OUR DAO MENTIONED AUGUST '78 AS PROPOSED
TIME FOR VARNA VISIT BY USS CHARLES F. ADAMS, INDICATING
THAT NAVY PLANNING HAS PROCEEDED AT LEAST TO POINT OF
SELECTING A PARTICULAR MONTH AND SHIP.

2. WE NEED TO KNOW THE FOLLOWING:

-- HOW FAR ALONG IS THE NAVY'S PLANNING?
-- IS THE ADAMS SCHEDULED TO VISIT ODESSA OR ANOTHER
SOVIET BLACK SEA PORT BEFORE POSSIBLE VISIT TO VARNA
(I.E., IS THAT BASIS FOR THE PROPOSED AUGUST TIMING)?
-- IS THE POSSIBILITY OF A VARNA VISIT SUFFICIENTLY FIRM
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